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Man Charged with Fatal Hit and Run of Elderly Woman in Hawthorne

A Los Angeles man has been charged with fatally running over his girlfriend's mother and then fleeing the scene, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Amir Ali Rasheed Bass (dob 12/1/89) faces one felony count each of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury and hit and run resulting in death.

Case SA089903 also alleges Bass was convicted in 2009 of first-degree burglary, person present and in 2013 of one count of felon in possession of a firearm.

The defendant pleaded not guilty yesterday and is scheduled to return March 16 in Department 144 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

On Feb. 26, Martina Olivacce, 67, attempted to intervene in an argument between her daughter and Bass, who was sitting inside his vehicle on Doty Avenue in Hawthorne, prosecutors said. The defendant then allegedly backed up his car, hitting Olivacce and pinning her under a tire before fleeing the scene, prosecutors added.

Bail was set at \$170,000. If convicted as charged, Bass faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.